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TAGS: EAGR, UY

SUBJ: USDA MEAT INSPECTION VISIT REQUESTED

1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH AMBASSADOR MAGARINOS, DIRGEN COMMERCIAL POLICY OF FONMINISTRY AOTMARGARINOS' REQUEST, TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR CANNED MEAT EXPORTS TO US.

2. AMBASSADOR MAGARINOS SAID A LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE MEAT PLANT, FRIGORIFICO CERRO, WAS NEGOTIATING TO SELL CORNED BEEF TO US BUYERS. HE SAID DEAL WOULD INVOLVE UP TO \$7 MILLION IN EXPORTS AND GOU THEREFORE VERY INTERESTED. OUTSTANDING PROBLEM WAS LACK OF SANITARY PLANT CEFTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR IMPORTS INTO US. HE SAID THAT THIS FACILITY (AN OLD ONE WHICH ONCE OPERATED BY ARMOUR AND CO) HAD RECENTLY UNDERGONE SOME IMPROVEMENTS, AND FURTHER CHANGES COULD BE MADE IF NECESSARY TO MEET US STANDARDS. HE ASKED IF DR. ROBERT CHASE, USDA MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN BUENOS AIRES COULD VISIT URUGUAY TO INSPECT PROPOSED PLANT, STRESSING GOU'S URGENT DESIRE TO FACILITATE MEAT EXPORTS.

3. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT USDA ROLE WAS TO CERTIFY NATIONAL MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE AS QUALIFIED TO ESTABLISH SANITARY COMPLIANCE AND IN THEREAFTER MAKING SPOT INSPECTIONS OF LOCALLY AUTHORIZED PLANTS FOR THIS PURPOSE. AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDER-

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STOOD SUCH CERTIFICATION HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE AND THEREFORE THAT

URUGUAYAN AGENCY HAD RESPONSIBILITY IN FIRST INSTANCE TO RULE ON CERRO FRIGORIFICO'S ACCEPTABILITY. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, TO INQUIRE WHETHER DR. CHASE COULD VISIT URUGUAY SOON TO CONSULT WITH GOU MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE ON GENERAL PROBLEM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS INFORMALLY (BUT HAS NOT INFORMED GOU) THAT DR. CHASE HAD BEEN PLANNING TO VISIT URUGUAY AROUND SEPTEMBER 1. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION AND ANY OBSERVATIONS ON MATTER DESCRIBED PARA 2.
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